



# 2009 Fulbright Vietnamese Scholar Program

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Fulbright Program in Vietnam

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## Information session

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# This session will...

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- Introduce you to the Fulbright Program in Vietnam
- Review this year's (2009) selection process
- Explain how to prepare the Fulbright application
- Answer any questions

# History of the Fulbright Program



- Senator J. William Fulbright proposed the fellowship program in 1946
- Grantees come from 150 countries
- The goal of the Fulbright Program worldwide:  
*"...to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchange..."*



# Fulbright Program in Vietnam

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- Started in 1992
- Administered and coordinated by the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi
- Traditional components
  - U.S. Scholars
  - U.S. Students
  - Vietnamese Scholars
  - Vietnamese Students
- Non-traditional components
  - Economics Teaching Program in HCMC
  - Senior Specialist Program
  - International Science & Technology Ph.D. Program
  - Global Undergraduate Exchange Program



# Vietnamese Scholar Program

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- Started in 1998
- 70 scholars have participated in the program
- 7 – 10 grants per year
- Priority given to fields of study in social sciences & humanities
- The grant covers:
  - Monthly stipends
  - Accident and sickness insurance.
  - Round-trip airfare
- Grant duration: 3 – 9 months



# Eligibility requirements

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- Citizenship or permanent residents of Vietnam holding a valid passport
- Master or Doctoral degree or equivalent professional training or experience (terminal degree)
- A detailed statement of proposed activity for research or lecturing in the U.S.
- Proficiency in English
- Sound physical and mental health

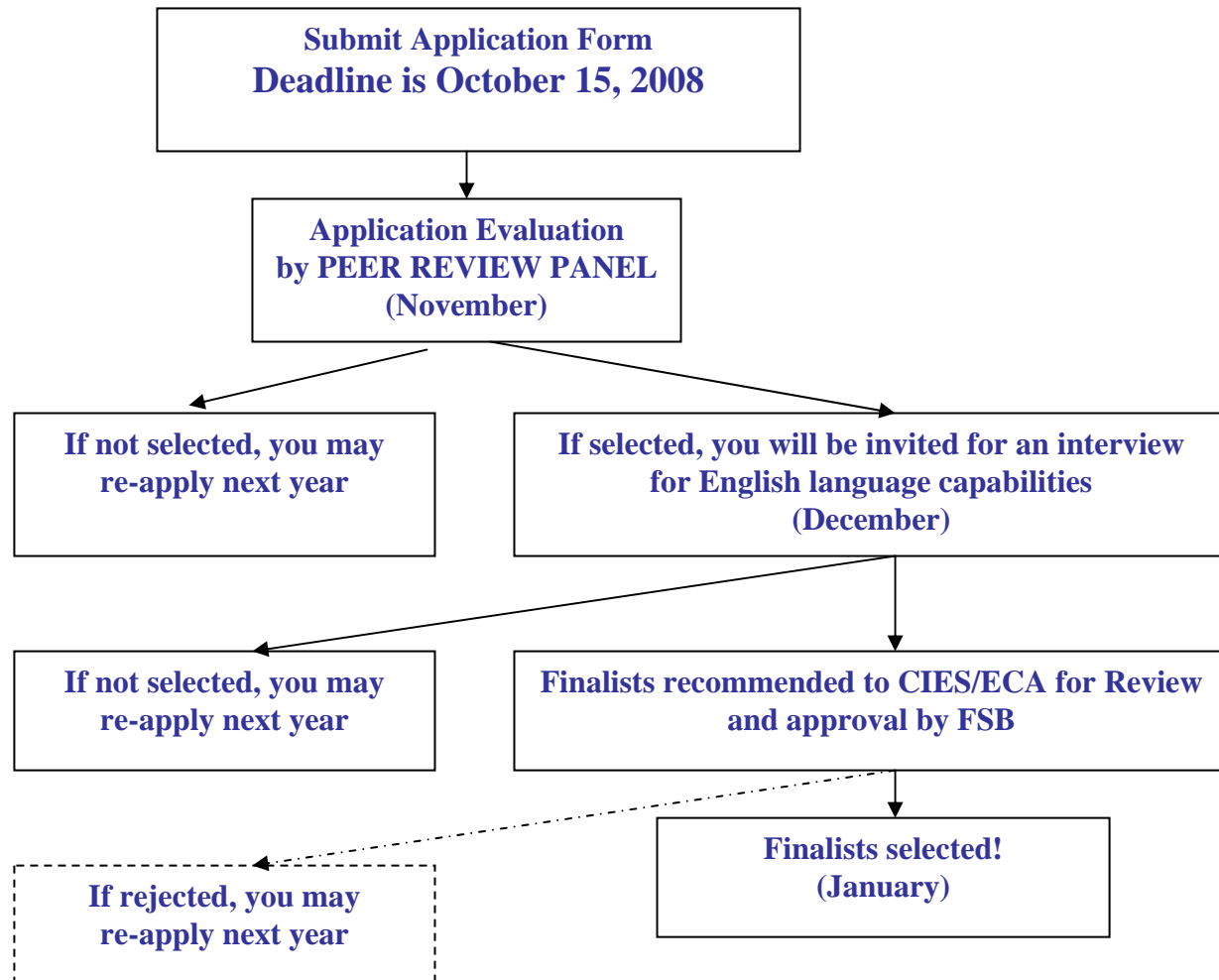


# Ineligibility

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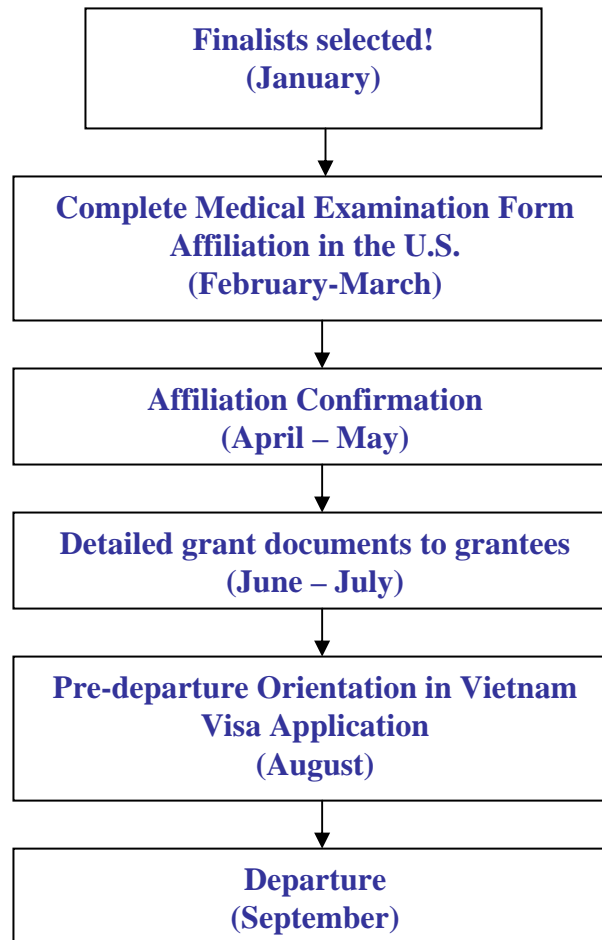
- Grants are **NOT** for the principal purpose of
  - attending conferences
  - completing doctoral dissertations
  - travel and consultation at multiple institutions or
  - clinical medical research involving patient contact\*.

# Review and Selection process





# Review and Selection process (cont'd)





# Preparing the Application

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A complete application package includes:

- An application form
- A detailed project statement
- A professional curriculum vitae;
- Three letters of reference
- Letters of invitation (if applicable)
- Bibliography & course syllabi (if applicable)

❖ All above documents must be updated to the application year



# The Application form

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Download application from:

**<http://vietnam.usembassy.gov/fulbright.html>**

## General guidelines:

1. Read carefully the detailed instructions
2. All items must be in English.
3. The entire application must be typed or computer-generated.
4. Limit your answers to the given space
5. Treat the application as a unitary whole, with all parts reinforcing the project statement.



# Preparing the project statement

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For a teaching proposal:

- Teaching experience
- Teaching proposal
  - Course introduction (including a rationale)
  - Syllabus
  - Lecturing schedule
- English proficiency
- Expected outcomes

■ Format:

- Maximum five single-spaced typed pages (3,500 words)
- Same font and font size for all sections
- Language that will be understood by reviewers from outside your field.



# Preparing the project statement

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For a research proposal:

- What to mention:

- Background
- Objectives
- Methodology
- Significance
- Evaluation and Dissemination
- Justification for residence in the U.S. for the proposed project
- Duration
- English proficiency.

- Format:

- Maximum five single-spaced typed pages (3,500 words)
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# What makes a strong project statement?

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## Research Proposals:

- Most compelling: what's on Vietnam's priority list?
- Theoretically (academically) sound
- Well-written
- Feasible
  - Nine months?
  - Six months?



# Preparing letters of reference

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- 03 letters of reference are required
- References should be from people qualified to evaluate your professional work, your abilities and your project's merits
- Do not obtain references from people who do not know you
- You should give each referee a copy of your project statement
- Letters should be written in or translated into English



# Preparing your CV

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Important to include:

- Education
- Past and current positions
- Courses taught and other services provided to students and the home institution
- Publications (with full citations)
- Other professional activities (workshops, seminars, consultations)
- Membership and activities in professional associations
- Professional honors, awards and fellowships
- Community service



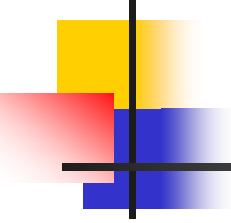


# Reviewing your application

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- Proofread every page of your application
- Do spell-check
- Complete your application 10 days before the deadline
- Make sure to sign and date where required
- Make a copy of your completed application

*\*\* Note: You do not need to fill out the Medical Forms at this stage*



## **Deadline:** October 15, 2008

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- Your fully completed Fulbright application is due no later than 5:00 p.m., October 15, 2008.
- Faxed or emailed copies will NOT be accepted
- All letters of reference must be included when application is submitted
- NO exceptions will be given



# Contact Information

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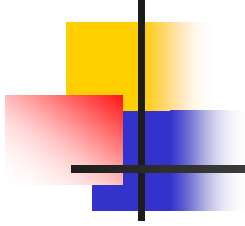
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Wishing you  
GOOD LUCK!